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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESS AND ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES
DISTRICTS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Any municipality that
4 is eligible for small town economic assistance under section 4-66g of
5 the general statutes may designate, by ordinance adopted by its
6 legislative body, a nutmeg zone within the municipality. Such
7 ordinance shall identify a specific geographic area as such zone and
8 shall establish criteria and goals for economic activity in the zone.

9 (b) Upon designation of a nutmeg zone under subsection (a) of this
10 section, the municipality may apply to the Commissioner of Economic
11 and Community Development for state approval of the designation.
12 The municipality seeking the approval of the commissioner for

13 designation of an area of the municipality as a nutmeg zone shall file
14 with the commissioner a preliminary application. Not later than sixty
15 days after receipt of such a preliminary application, the commissioner
16 shall indicate to the municipality, in writing, any recommendations for
17 improving the municipality's application. On or before July 1, 2008,
18 and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall conduct a lottery to
19 select ten nutmeg zones in the state.

20 (c) The amount of property taxes due under chapter 203 of the
21 general statutes for a facility that is acquired, constructed, substantially
22 renovated or expanded in a nutmeg zone, on or after the effective date
23 of this section, shall be reduced by ten per cent in each of the ten full
24 assessment years following the assessment year in which the
25 acquisition, construction, renovation or expansion of the facility is
26 completed. The state, acting by and in the discretion of the
27 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, shall enter
28 into a contract with the municipality in which the nutmeg zone is
29 located to provide a grant to the municipality in an amount equal to
30 ten per cent of the amount that would have been due for property
31 taxes except for the provisions of this section. Such grant shall be made
32 annually for the ten assessment years that the taxes due for the facility
33 are reduced.

34 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
35 may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
36 statutes, to implement this section."